

focus on the specific issues at hand and not to challenge the religious faith of those with differing views of conscience.

#### REMEMBERING THE SACRIFICES MADE BY OUR SOLDIERS ON JUNE 6, 1944, D-DAY

(Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind our citizens of the sacrifices made by our soldiers on June 6, 1944, D-Day.

Mr. Speaker, on that day the war in Europe reached a dramatic turning point. The Americans and British invaded France from the air and sea. They brought with them a respect for the law, human rights, and democracy. Only through their sacrifice was France and later Europe freed from the grips of an evil tyrant.

Mr. Speaker, it is a fitting tribute on the eve of D-Day's 57th anniversary that the President signed The Veterans Opportunities Act of 2001. I was honored to have my language included from H.R. 1015 to retroactively increase the maximum benefit for SGLI coverage, and I am grateful that on this day when so many soldiers gave their lives to secure freedom for Europe, that we were able to help the families of those killed in tragic accidents.

Mr. Speaker, this would not have been possible without the critical support of the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) and the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. HAYWORTH).

#### FBI AGENT WHO KILLED VICKI WEAVER CAN BE PROSECUTED

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, a Federal court ruled that the FBI agent that killed Vicki Weaver can be prosecuted. Finally, a Federal court with some anatomy. Check the facts. The Department of Justice once again investigating the Justice Department once again concluded that Agent Horiuchi accidentally shot Mrs. Weaver. Accident, my BVDs. Vicki Weaver was shot stone cold right between the eyes while holding her infant child.

Mr. Speaker, the FBI is beginning to look more and more like the KGB. I yield back the fact that if the FBI and Justice Department were not guilty at Ruby Ridge, why did they pay Randy Weaver \$3 million and his wounded friend, Kevin Harris, \$400,000 to shut them up? Think about it.

#### EVERY TAXPAYER WILL GET A REFUND IN THE MAIL

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, for months now pundits have been talking about whether America has been teetering on the brink of a recession. Gross domestic product has fallen from a whopping 7.3 percent in the last quarter of 1999 to just 1.3 percent in the first quarter of this year. The current quarter is a mystery. We do not know if GDP grew or contracted for the second quarter until it is over.

But through all of this, the President has told us if his tax cut package was passed into law, it would provide a much-needed stimulus to the economy. Now it is going to happen. Tomorrow the President signs the bill into law. Every taxpayer will get a refund in the mail and see more take-home pay in their paychecks.

David Wyss of Standard & Poors says, "Roughly half the population is struggling and living paycheck to paycheck. Those folks will use the rebate almost immediately."

Mr. Speaker, this President promised and this President delivered. This Congress promised and this Congress delivered. This should help stimulate our economy; and this, my friends, is good government.

#### TAX RELIEF IS VICTORY FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES

(Mr. RYUN of Kansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, tax relief for American families has been one of my top priorities; so when George Bush ran for President, he made the promise to bring relief to families, and that was like a breath of fresh air.

This year, President Bush laid out specific proposals for tax relief. Some scoffed at the idea of tax relief. Many actively worked to keep Americans from keeping more of their hard-earned tax dollars.

Mr. Speaker, we have now passed tax relief for American families, and later this summer every American who pays taxes will actually get a tax rebate check. These checks come as a promise kept to the American people and are only the first installment of a long-term tax reduction.

When this tax plan is fully implemented, a typical family of four will see their taxes nearly cut in half. Soon American taxpayers will be keeping more of what they earn. This truly is a victory for American families.

#### YUCCA MOUNTAIN SHOULD BE PUT IN MOTHBALLS

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, this morning I want to take a brief moment

and address some of the concerns of shipping and storing nuclear waste.

Recently, a former DOE official publicly announced that plans for a nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain should be abandoned. Mr. W. Kenneth Davis, Energy Undersecretary from 1981 to 1983, had supported the Yucca Mountain repository site under the Reagan administration. But now, Mr. Davis maintains that shipping deadly nuclear waste across the country to Yucca Mountain should not occur. He said, "Yucca Mountain, which is unlikely to be licensed, is unreasonable in view of the shipping required, if nothing else, and in my opinion should be put in mothballs."

Mr. Speaker, shipping nuclear waste across America to Yucca Mountain endangers the lives of every American. Let us heed Mr. Davis' advice, and put the plan for Yucca Mountain in mothballs, where it belongs. There is not enough time in 1 minute to name all of the dangers of shipping nuclear waste across America or to list all of the dangerous plans of storing nuclear waste in Yucca Mountain. This will be addressed as we further debate this issue.

#### MILITARY MANEUVERS BY PRC AND PLA APPEAR TO THREATEN TAIWAN

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I come to the well of the House today to call my colleagues' attention to the recent military maneuvers by the People's Republic of China and the People's Liberation Army that appear to threaten Taiwan.

The PLA's response to nearly every political development seems to be to increase its military posture. I wonder, Mr. Speaker, what is the People's Republic of China afraid of. To my knowledge during the modern era, there has never been a credible threat to the security of mainland China. The amphibious military training maneuvers currently underway are similar to 1996 exercises that resulted in a missile launch aimed at the Taiwan Straits. You may recall that the U.S. responded to that launch by deploying an aircraft carrier to the region. Now, as then, the United States is committed to stability in the region.

The threatening nature of these recent maneuvers and their proximity to Taiwan challenges the territorial stability of the island and long-term peace of the region. It is written that it is for freedom that He set us free. Let China hear that in this Congress we will stand with those who will stand for liberty.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in monitoring the conduct of the Chinese military in the coming weeks.